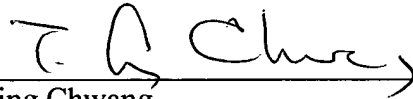


**REMARKS**

Applicants have submitted the text of all claims above, including the text of the withdrawn claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that the Amendment filed January 20, 2004 now meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003.

If the Examiner has any other matters which pertain to this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve these matters by Examiner's Amendment where possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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